Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 12 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 12 Oct 2021 at 03:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium confidence in rainfall and cloud amounts for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 12 Oct 2021: Cloudy with rain at times, but bright in the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 12 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Fog	Drizzle	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
60%	50%	30%	30%	40%	50%

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Weather: Extensive low cloud is likely in the morning with periods of light and patchy rain throughout the day, but mainly dry and bright through Assynt up to Ben Hope.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% extensive low cloud likely for most areas in association with band of light and patchy rain, but 70% in the north, cloud more broken and near or above the summits.

Visibility: Visibility will be quite poor on the hills with extensive cloud down to 300m for the western ranges and Skye, but near or above the summits for Ben Wyvis and Ben Hope in the far north. Visibility below the cloud will also be poor at times in light rain and drizzle with a lot of mist and possibly low level fog patches at times. However, good or very good in the north.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	11/13 NW	10/12 NE	9/12 W	12/16 W	16/20 W	19/24 W	21/27 W
900	9/10 NW	9/11 NE	8/12 W	12/16 W	14/18 W	18/23 W	20/26 W
600	7/9 N	6/8 E	7/10 SW	9/13 W	9/13 W	11/16 SW	12/18 W
300	0/9 N	2/7 E	2/8 SW	3/12 W	2/14 W	3/16 W	4/18 W
Glen	3/9 N	4/6 SE	2/5 SW	2/7 W	2/7 W	3/9 W	4/12 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/1	4/1	6/3	6/3	6/2	7/3	7/2
900	6/3	5/2	6/4	7/4	7/3	8/4	7/3
600	7/5	7/6	8/6	9/6	9/6	9/7	9/6
300	9/9	8/8	10/9	10/10	10/9	10/10	10/9
Glen	12/11	11/10	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12
Freezing Level*	2300m	2300m	2300m	2200m	2200m	2300m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Oct 2021
Weather: A cloudy start to the day with some patchy light rain on the hills during the morning but becoming brighter in the afternoon and cloud clearing in many places with some bright or sunny spells especially in the east.

Maximum wind: West 20-25mph with gusts 35mph, some gale force gusts possible on higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% rising to 60% with cloud lifting and breaking during the day especially for eastern ranges.

Visibility: Cloud bases in the early morning will be broken at 400m and above but cloud becoming more scattered by the afternoon and lifting towards the summits. Cloud slower to clear in the west where visibility may remain poor in any further rain. Light and patchy rain will affect morning visibility but this will become confined to the furthest west ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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